



Young Migrant Entrepreneurs (YME) Project

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YME Project

Goal:

Aims to build entrepreneurial support for young migrants and refugees in different countries.

Period

- 2 yrs of Erasmus+ KA2 youth project
- 01.02.2019-31.01.2021

Outcomes:

- **Need analysis**
- E-platform for change
- Assessment tool
- Learning Guide





YME Project

Six Partner Organizations/Institutions from Five Countries:

- Bogazici University (Turkey)– *Coordinator*
- Ministry of National Education (Turkey)
- Universitatea Politehnica Din Bucuresti (Romania)
- Werkcenter Scotland (United Kingdom)
- Dutch Foundation of Innovation Welfare to Work (Netherlands)
- CPA Di Giuseppina Bomba (Italy)



Facts & Figures

- **Migration has been one of the most significant issues for the last few decades.** Migratory routes (whether from developing-to-developing, but mostly from developing-to-developed) have been increasing recently. The total number of international migrants reached approximately 260 million people in 2017.
- **United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR) stated that in June 2018, 25.1 million of all forcibly displaced people were refugees.**



Current Situation in Partner Countries

- In the Netherlands, the first three quarters of 2018, 81 thousand people were added to the migrants.
- In Romania the estimated number is 177,435 immigrants according to 2016 migration statistics
- For Italy, in 2018 the percentage of immigration has been increased by +12%.
- The UK population was 14.4% foreign-born and 9.5% non-British citizens.



Turkey's Situation

- Over 3,5 million Syrians refugees in Turkey, making it the largest refugee-hosting country worldwide.
- Almost 825.000 (23%) are between 15-24 ages.
- 37% of entrepreneurs are in 30-40 ages (13.6% of population)
- Females constitute more than 46% of refugees. But only 3% in entrepreneurship.

DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND GENDER OF REGISTERED SYRIAN REFUGEES RECORDED BY TAKING BIOMETRIC DATA

AGE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
TOTAL	1.933.284	1.631.635	3.564.919
0-4	284.357	265.297	549.654
5-9	246.607	231.466	478.073
10-14	191.764	176.099	367.863
15-18	159.548	127.474	287.022
19-24	314.064	223.232	537.296
25-29	196.364	141.243	337.607
30-34	162.183	120.596	282.779
35-39	113.248	89.471	202.719
40-44	75.915	68.862	144.777
45-49	57.479	53.948	111.427
50-54	46.487	44.657	91.144
55-59	31.144	31.231	62.375
60-64	22.370	23.093	45.463
65-69	14.536	14.639	29.175



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Becoming the world largest refugee hosting country costs more.

- Turkey has declared to have spent more than 30 billion USD, between 2011 and 2017.
- EU proposed 3+3 billion Euros to Turkey for the purposes of building institutional capacity.

Findings on labor market integration of Syrians indicate that the formal integration of Syrians into the labor market has been progressing very slowly.

- There are around 2.2 million Syrians in the working-age, but only 1 % work-permits.

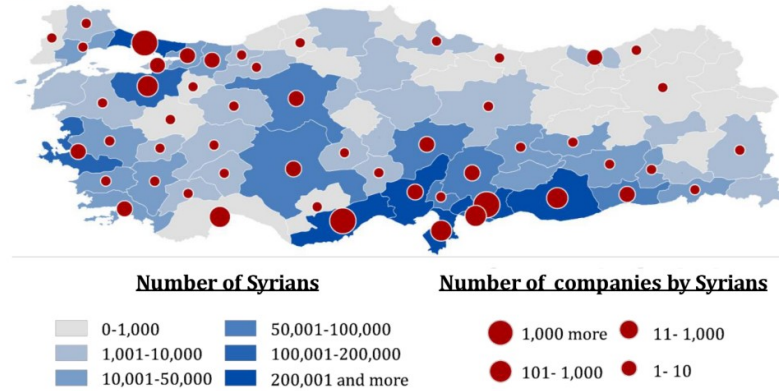


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- TEPAV report (2018) demonstrated a gradual increase in entrepreneurial activity by Syrians in Turkey as Syrian entrepreneurs provide a living for at least **7 percent** of the 3.5 million Syrians in Turkey.
- Survey data analysis also indicated that more than half of the refugee-driven companies were **micro-sized** (employing less than 5 people) and mostly in the **services sector**.
- *Access to banking systems* and *access to finance* were two of the main obstacles for bussiness, then *language barrier* and *social cohesion problems*.
- Survey findings also revealed that Syrian entrepreneurs will *stay in Turkey* even after the conflict in Syria ends.

Turkey's Situation

Figure 1 Distribution of the Syrian Population in Turkey



Source: DGMM

* Syrian companies here mean companies that are owned by Syrians and/or companies that have a Syrian partner

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TEPAV Rises, TOBB Ekonomi ve Teknoloji Üniversitesi Vakfı'na

What to do to promote migrant entrepreneurship?

- Promote awareness-raising activities
- Increase involvement by local bodies
- Increase guidance by local chambers and municipalities
- Support by local & international financial bodies
- Create entrepreneurship friendly environments
- Guidance and support on the online tools & e-commerce



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Thank You😊

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